Madras, were rented to members of the Moral Rearmament Association during the interval between this session of the Assembly and the last one, and if so, what the rent collected per head per room was?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Attention is invited to answer to starred question No. 430."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" How is it that a hostel intended exclusively for the M.L.As. is being let out on rent to others? Is there any policy in regard to it? Will it be given on rent to anybody or any association without discrimination and without considering whether the persons concerned are social elements or unsocial elements?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" During non-session days, these rooms are let out to Government servants and people who are considered fit to occupy these rooms, and not to all people."

Communal rioting at Payyoli on 31st October 1952.

11-40 a.m. * 432 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the conditions in and around Payyoli, North Malabar, after the communal riot of 31st October 1952 have returned to normal;

(*b*) whether there has been any incident after 31st October 1952; and

(*c*) the steps taken by Government subsequent to 31st October 1952 to control the situation?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is aware of the fact that on 7th November 1952 I made a statement in the Assembly relating to Payyoli. My statement covered the period between 26th October 1952 and 1st November 1952.

" Since then Government have received reports that two houses were set fire to by some unknown persons. One of these houses belonged to a Muslim who is alleged to be concerned in an incident in which Kannan, a vakil's clerk, was stabbed to death on 31st October 1952. The other house belonged to his relation. Both houses were unoccupied.

" (*c*) All necessary preventive measures have been taken. Security proceedings have also been instituted against some persons in the same connexion. Detachments of the Armed Reserve of the Malabar Special Police were moved into the area and vigorous patrolling undertaken. A police station was immediately opened at the scene of trouble and all the accused in the murder case have been arrested. The Collector formed a peace committee with the help of influential local

Hindu and Muslim leaders and efforts were made to re-establish cordiality between the two communities. There are prosecutions connected with these incidents and the cases are *sub judice*.

"This answer was prepared some time ago. Since then, two persons have been sentenced to death and five persons for transportation for life."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I wish to know from the Hon. Chief Minister whether the cases are before the Court now."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" These cases were before the Sessions Judge. But since the answer to this question was prepared, sentences have been given and the cases have been closed. (After a pause.) All these murder cases have to be referred to the High Court as they involve death sentences and so they are pending."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In the statement just now referred to by the Hon. the Chief Minister, he said that the conduct of certain police officials who were then in charge has been taken serious notice of by the Government. May I know whether the Government have taken any action in pursuance of that notice? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Departmental action has been taken in connexion with lapses on the part of the police."

Compounders' Test.

* 433 *Q*.—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a Qualified Compounders' Test in August 1950 and that a number of candidates got through the examination but have not yet been given their certificates; and

(*b*) if so, why certificates have not been issued to the passed candidates, even though they have remitted the prescribed fees?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There was no Qualified Compounders' Test in August 1950; but examinations for compounders were held in June and October 1950. Certificates have been issued to all the passed candidates."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" May I know how many of those who were awarded these certificates have been employed so far? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" All of them are eligible for appointment in State hospitals. To the extent there are vacancies, they will be employed."

SRI A. APPU :—" These candidates did not get their certificates even after two years. May I know the reason for the delay in issuing these certificates? "